



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 372
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
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Monday, January 9, 2012

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (12-0341)

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Present: President Becerra-Jones, Vice President Tanberg, Commissioner Creary, Commissioner Duba, Commissioner Gallegos, Commissioner Lesser, Commissioner Petrossian, Commissioner Rodriguez, Commissioner Shevlin and Commissioner Ward

Absent: Commissioner Piñedo

Call to Order. (12-0184)

President Becerra-Jones called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and introduced newly appointed Fifth District Commissioner, Alice Petrossian.

Commissioner Petrossian provided a brief synopsis of her career and experience as an immigrant from Iran.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of November 14, 2011. (11-4418)

On motion of Commissioner Duba, seconded by Commissioner Creary, this item was approved with the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - President Becerra-Jones, Vice President Tanberg, Commissioner Creary, Commissioner Duba, Commissioner Gallegos, Commissioner Lesser, Commissioner Rodriguez, Commissioner Shevlin and Commissioner Ward

Abstentions: 1 - Commissioner Petrossian

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Piñedo

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2. Discussion and approval of Ordinance relating to Chapter 3.64 of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women, Section 3.64.080 Self Government - Quorum; also instruct staff to prepare a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting adoption. (11-5354)

On motion of Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Lesser, this item was approved.

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3. Appointment of Ad-Hoc Education Committee for the 2011 Scholarship Year. (11-3570)

By common consent and there being no objection, Commissioner Petrossian was appointed by President Becerra-Jones as Chair of the 2011 Ad-Hoc Education Committee. Remaining Ad-Hoc Committee members will be selected at a later date.

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4. Appointment of Commissioner Becky Shevlin as the Commission for Women, Treasurer for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2011-2012. (12-0190)

By common consent and there being no objection, Commissioner Shevlin was appointed by President Becerra-Jones as Treasurer for the remainder of the 2011-2012 year.

5. Discussion and approval authorizing travel for Commissioner Charlotte Lesser to the Association of California Commissions for Women 2012 Retreat in Cambria, California on January 13-15, 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$500 for hotel, meals and transportation to be paid from the District 4 Event Fund. (11-5358)

On motion of Commissioner Tanberg, seconded by Commissioner Duba, this item was approved.

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6. Approval of \$200 donation to the Los Angeles County Community and Senior Services for lunch tickets to guests attending the presentation by Fit-2-A-T on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at the East Los Angeles Service Center for the Health Education and Community Project of District 1. (12-0191)

On motion of Commissioner Tanberg, seconded by Commissioner Creary, this item was approved.

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II. REPORTS

7. President Report for the month of December 2011 including discussion on the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Planning Survey and MedlinePlus website viewing. (11-5191)

President Becerra-Jones provided a verbal report on the following:

- **An overview of the MedlinePlus website link hosted by the National Institute of Health and encouraged Commissioners to utilize the site as it provides various helpful health resources;**
- **Shared a thank you letter from Cindy Young of Project RENEW, thanking the Commission for their assistance on their breastfeeding initiatives;**
- **Spoke with past scholarship recipient, Jasmine Torres on possibly speaking at the 2012 Woman of the Year awards Luncheon;**
- **Spoke with Dr. Jonathan Fielding, Director of Public Health (DPH), regarding the Department of Public Health's Planning Survey and invite him to speak at a future Commission meeting regarding DPH's strategic plan for 2012-2017.**

President Becerra-Jones also added that the Commission is under time constraints and reminded the Commissioners of the following:

- **Their duty and obligation to attend Commission meetings, award luncheons; and encouraged them to submit a Community Project for their District;**
- **Commissioners should submit funding requests utilizing the request form provided by staff;**
- **Standing Ad-Hoc Committees should utilize standard forms provided by staff when submitting their minutes**

Staff was instructed to order new badges for all Commissioners.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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- 8.** Staff report on addition of audio recordings to Statement of Proceedings and the new parking procedures. (11-5356)

Ms. Rhonda Rangel, staff, Commission Services, introduced Roy Sinclair as a new staff member to the Commission for Women; informed the Commission that the audio recording of the meeting will be linked to the minutes; and concluded by sharing with the Commission the new parking procedures implemented by the Internal Services Department on December 1, 2011.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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- 9.** Commission for Women Financial Report for the month of December 2011. (11-5192)

Ms. Rangel submitted the Financial Report for the month of December 2011.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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- 10.** Update Report by AD-Hoc Women of the Year Luncheon Committee. (11-4849)

Commissioner Gallegos reported that the number of awardees has not been finalized, as Second, Fourth and Fifth District offices have yet to finalize their awardees. Additionally, ticket costs for the luncheon was set at \$90 per ticket. She concluded by informing the Commissioners that the Marlboro High School choir has been requested to perform at the luncheon, and the Committee is awaiting confirmation. While the Committee continues to explore various avenues for sponsorship, Commissioners were encouraged to provide ideas.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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11. Report on "Staying Healthy for Me and My Family" event sponsored by the American Diabetes Association held November 27, 2011 at St. Joseph's Church in Hawthorne attended by Commissioner Becerra-Jones. (11-5353)

President Becerra-Jones attended the "Staying Healthy for Me and My Family" event; she stated that the report was not ready. However, she commented that there is a free Countywide program which was created under the Bush Administration, that assists families under stress; for every eight hours of retreat, the family qualifies for eight counseling sessions.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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12. Report from Commissioners on letter sent to the Board of Supervisors, deferring the 2011 Run/Walk event to 2012 and request for donations; and discussion on disbursement of scholarship funds donated by each Supervisorial District, as requested by President Becerra-Jones at the meeting of October 24, 2011. (Continued from the meeting of November 14, 2011.) (11-3221)

President Becerra-Jones stated she contacted the Third and Fourth District, and scholarship funding has been secured. Commissioners Duba and Lesser will explore other sponsorship avenues for the Run/Walk, and report their recommendations to the Commission.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

13. Health Committee Update Report for December 2011. (11-5359)

Commissioner Creary reported that Governor Brown vetoed Senate Bill 538 (SB538); and asked Commissioner Lesser to track SB538 which has numerous issues regarding nursing programs, curriculum and certification. She also informed the Commission that January 2012 is "Women's Health" month.

Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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- 14.** Report on the Millennium Momentum Foundation 8th Annual Opening Doors Awards Ceremony held on November 3, 2011 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion attended by Commissioner Creary. (11-5190)

Commissioner Creary attended the Millennium Momentum Foundation's 8th Annual Opening Doors Awards Luncheon; she reported it was an awesome event with Cicly Tyson, Smokey Robinson as keynote speakers. Commissioner Creary also noted, California Employment Development Department Division Chief, Michael Dolphin, received the prestigious 2011 President's Award.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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- 15.** Report on the Healthy Aging for Women Collaborative Community Dialogue held on November 16, 2011 at the California Endowment attended by Commissioner Lesser. (11-5357)

Commissioner Lesser attended the "Healthy Aging for Women Collaborative Community Dialogue" event; she reported that this was the best Office of Women's Health event she has ever attended; and speakers from varying backgrounds covered all facets of issues from emotional, physical, psychological to the spiritual, which affect women as they age.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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III. DISCUSSIONS

16. Executive Committee Criteria update on the use of additional funds not included in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Commission for Women trust fund budget, including update on the website project. (Continued from meetings of July 11, August 8, and November 14, 2011) (11-3206)

President Becerra-Jones stated that discussions are ongoing and she hopes to set up a teleconference meeting to discuss and develop recommendations and submit recommendations to the Commission.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was continued to a future meeting.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

17. Commissioner announcements for the month of December 2011. (11-5167)

The following Commissioners provided verbal announcements:

- **President Becerra-Jones announced that Commissioner Shevlin will be attending the California Federation Business and Professional Women Conference in Pasadena to be held on Saturday, January 21, 2012, as requested at the meeting of November 14, 2011.**
- **Commissioner Creary attended retired Senator Teresa Hughes' funeral services. Commissioner Creary stated that the late Senator served as a mentor to her and Commissioner Petrossian early in their careers, and was simply a fine and wonderful lady. Commissioner Creary requested staff review those Commissioners whose terms have expired, and report back to the Commission on the status of their reappointment.**
- **Commissioner Lesser will attend the Association of California Commission for Women (ACCW) retreat, to be held January 13-15, 2012 in Cambria, California. She encouraged the Commissioners to e-mail her questions regarding matters of interest to the Commission, which she will present to the ACCW representatives at the retreat. President Becerra-Jones submitted her inquiry on statewide Caregiver issues.**

- Commissioner Duba hosted the Annual Foster Kids Holiday party on December 14, 2011 at Jackie Robinson Park. The event was attended by a large number of women and children from various shelters. Additionally, she apprised the Commission of her pending January 18, 2012 interview with Valley Press regarding her career, sports and matters pertaining to the Commission for Women.
- Commissioner Petrossian spent a day with Sandra Day O'Connor, and stated Ms. O'Connor would be a great guest speaker at a future Commission meeting.
- Commissioner Shevlin is working with "Guardian Angels for Soldiers Pets" and is fostering a dog for a Marine who was recently deployed overseas.
- Commissioner Ward informed the Commission that California State University at Northridge, Human Resources Department received recognition for its lactation accommodation.
- Commissioner Gallegos met with elected officials at their various open house events and the Board of Supervisors at their offices to apprise them of the current events concerning the Commission for Women, during the month of December 2011. She noted working that with a food bank through her church, women are the largest recipients of aid, as they are usually the caregivers in most single parent homes.
- Commissioner Rodriguez reported that Supervisor Gloria Molina's annual event, which highlights artists in the community, was held December 2011 at the Los Angeles Plaza Museum. The event featured and highlighted the "Legends of the Chicano Movement", artists who were instrumental in having Latino artists admitted into the Los Angeles County Museum of Art during the 1960's.

After discussion, by Common Consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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Matters Not Posted

18. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (11-4332)

The following items were introduced for discussion and placed on the agenda for consideration at a future meeting.

- 18A. Recommendation as submitted by President Becerra-Jones: Presentation by Dr. Jonathan Fielding, Director of Public Health regarding the Department of Public Health Planning Survey and to get a better understanding of the Department's strategic plan for 2012-2017. (12-0337)

On motion of President Becerra-Jones, and by common consent, there being no objection, the item was introduced for discussion and possibly place on a future agenda for consideration.

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- 18B. Recommendation as submitted by Commissioner Creary: Presentation by Sheriff Baca on the current situation regarding the Sheriff's Department. (12-0338)

On motion of Commissioner Creary, and by common consent, there being no objection, the item was introduced for discussion and possibly place on a future agenda for consideration.

Public Comment

19. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (11-5165)

Genevieve M. Clavreul and Pat Wilson addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

20. Adjournment for the regular meeting of January 9, 2012. (11-5166)

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.